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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FRG INITIATIVE AT UN SPECIAL SESSION
DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT

REF: BONN 8561

1. WASHINGTON REACTION REQUESTED REFTEL IS CONTAINED PARAS
2-4 BELOW. PLEASE TRANSMIT THESE VIEWS TO MFA DISARMAMENT
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2. USG BELIEVES THAT AN FRG INVITATION TO FOREIGN EXPERTS
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FOR VISITS TO ONE OR MORE LARGE CHEMICAL FIRMS COULD BE
A CONSTRUCTIVE INITIATIVE AT THE UN SPECIAL SESSION DEVOTED
TO DISARMAMENT. IN OUR VIEW SUCH AN INVITATION COULD
YIELD A MODEST POLITICAL BENEFIT BY DEMONSTRATING WESTERN
OPENNESS, EVEN IF THE OFFER WAS NOT ACCEPTED BY THE SOVIETS
AND THEIR ALLIES. FURTHERMORE, THE VISIT ITSELF COULD HELP
DEMONSTRATE THAT ON-SITE INSPECTION AT COMMERCIAL CHEMICAL

PLANTS CAN BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING COMMERCIAL SECRETS. IN THIS CONNECTION WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE

IMPORTANT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT VERIFICATION TECHNIQUES NECESSARY FOR AN EFFECTIVE INSPECTION UNDER A PROSPECTIVE CW CONVENTION, SUCH AS VISUAL OBSERVATION AND CHEMICAL SAMPLING, COULD BE DONE IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH PROTECTION OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION.

3. FROM THE US STANDPOINT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE THE VISITS TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IN OUR VIEW IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO INVOLVE AS MANY COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE, WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE TECHNICAL EXPERTS AVAILABLE.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT THE IMPACT OF THE INITIATIVE WOULD BE GREATEST IF THE FRG CALLED UPON STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN A SERIES OF TECHNICAL EXCHANGE OR CONFIDENCE-BUILDING VISITS RELEVANT TO CW ISSUES AND THEN OFFERED A VISIT TO ONE OR MORE PLANTS IN THE FRG AS AN INITIAL STEP.

5. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE US AND FRG ON CW VERIFICATION ISSUES, WE BELIEVE IT IS DESIRABLE TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH AS DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED VISITS ARE DEVELOPED. VANCE

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